

**NID Hemphill Diversion Structure Project
Notice of Determination**

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION

TO: Placer County Clerk 2954 Richardson Dr. Auburn, CA 95603	CC: Office of Planning and Research 1400 10 th Street Sacramento, CA 95814	FROM: Nevada Irrigation District 1036 West Main Street Grass Valley, CA 95945
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SUBJECT: Filing of Notice of Determination in compliance with Section 21108 of the Public Resources Code

PROJECT TITLE: NID Hemphill Diversion Structure Project

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Project Approval: The Nevada Irrigation District (NID) approved the Hemphill Diversion Structure Project on July 28, 2021.

Project Location: The Hemphill Diversion Structure spans Auburn Ravine in Placer County, just east of the City of Lincoln. The structure is located in Section 13, Township 12 North, and Range 6 West (Mount Diablo Base and Meridian) of the "Lincoln" 7.5-minute quadrangle. The coordinates are latitude 38.896731° and longitude -121.251885°.

Project Description: The structure diverts water from Auburn Ravine into the Hemphill Canal, located south of the ravine, for delivery to NID raw-water customers. The diversion structure is an approximately eight-foot-high concrete structure, with an approximately 40-foot-long concrete apron extending downstream. It has been operated by NID since its purchase in 1933. Hemphill Diversion has been subject to damage during high flow events, has required ongoing maintenance, and is currently in need of additional repairs. The diversion structure has historically presented a substantial impediment to the passage of migrating anadromous fish species that spawn in Auburn Ravine upstream of the diversion.

NID considered three project alternatives to remove the diversion structure as an impediment to fish passage. The approved project, Alternative 2, will remove the diversion structure, stabilize the diversion site, construct a nature-like roughen rock ramp instream fish passage, install a fish screen, and implement improvements to a portion of the Hemphill Canal. The project is designed to allow anadromous fish to migrate past the Hemphill Diversion Structure site unimpeded.

Determination:

NID, as the Lead Agency, has approved the above-described Project and has made the following determinations:

1. There is no substantial evidence that the Project will have a significant effect on the environment;
2. In accordance with CEQA, an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the Project was prepared. The EIR has been approved by NID and reflects the independent judgment and analysis of NID;
3. Mitigation Measures were required to be made a condition of approval of the Proposed Project;
4. A Statement of Overriding Considerations was not required to be adopted for the Proposed Project; and
5. A Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Plan was adopted for the Proposed Project.

This is to certify that the Final EIR with comments and responses and record of Project approval is available to the general public at:

Nevada Irrigation District
1036 West Main Street
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 ENGINEERING MANAGER 7-28-2021
Signature (Public Agency), Title Date

Date Received for Filing at OPR: _____